

What's Next?

Ten days after this meeting, the public comment period will close. At that time, VDOT and City of Roanoke representatives will review and evaluate any information received as a result of the meeting, adjusting the project design as needed.

After the public hearing, the Roanoke City Council will be requested to pass a resolution approving the major design features and then VDOT's chief engineer will act on the design. The project will then progress to the right of way acquisition stage.

Acquisition of right of way is expected to begin in mid-2010. Relocation of utilities will begin in mid-2011.

After right of way and easement purchases have been completed, the project could be advertised for construction bids in late-2011.

Once awarded, construction should be completed in approximately 12 months. Access to properties and businesses will be maintained at all times but a temporary detour or temporary lane closures and closing of some side streets may be required.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE

The following schedule has been proposed:

Review of Design Public Hearing Information: mid-2009

Consideration for Design Approval By Chief Engineer: mid-2009

Begin Right of Way Acquisition: mid-2010

Advertisement for Construction: late-2011

Additional Information

Project information shared here is available for review after the meeting at the following offices:

VDOT Salem District Office
731 Harrison Avenue
Salem, VA 24153
540-387-5320 TDD: 711

VDOT Salem Residency
714 South Broad Street
Salem, VA 24153
540-387-5488 TDD: 711

City of Roanoke
Public Works Service Center
1802 Courtland Road N.E.
Roanoke, VA 24012
540-853-2676

Written comments and other exhibits related to the proposed project may be submitted in place of or in addition to statements made at the meeting. Such information must be postmarked or delivered to VDOT within 10 calendar days of today's meeting (on or before **April 10, 2009**) in order to be included in the official record. Please send written comments to:

Virginia Department of Transportation
Mr. Richard L. Caywood, P.E.
Salem District Administrator
P.O. Box 3071
Salem, VA 24153

Questions concerning VDOT's policy on obtaining right of way should be directed to:

Ms. Lori A. Snider
Salem District Right of Way and Utilities Manager
Virginia Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 3071
Salem, VA 24153
Telephone: 540-387-5587 or toll free 800-611-5812

Please call prior to visiting to assure the availability of staff to assist you.



Location & Design Division

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DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

Riverland Road Improvements (Route 116) City of Roanoke

Tuesday March 31, 2009 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Garden City Elementary School 3718 Garden City Boulevard, Roanoke, VA

Welcome to the City of Roanoke's and the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) design public hearing on the proposed improvements to the intersection of Riverland Road (Route 116)/Mount Pleasant Boulevard (Route 116) and Bennington Street.

This meeting is being held to provide an opportunity for any person, acting on his or her own behalf or representing a group or governmental agency, to give the City of Roanoke and VDOT comments and/or suggestions on the proposed project.

All oral and written comments received will be reviewed by City of Roanoke and VDOT personnel. Questions and concerns raised as a result of this meeting will be addressed before the project is finalized. A comment sheet is included and your input is encouraged.

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to improve the intersection of Riverland Road/Mount Pleasant Boulevard and Bennington Street by replacing the existing intersection with a roundabout. Additional improvements will consist of widening the existing road from the intersection of Garden City Boulevard to 0.133 miles east of the intersection with Bennington Street and providing curb and gutter along both sides with a 10-foot shared-use path on the north side of Riverland Road and Bennington Street.

The proposed improvements will focus on improving the safety and flow of traffic through this intersection while developing a bicycle/pedestrian friendly environment. Modifications to the existing signalized intersection with Garden City Boulevard will also be included.

The design of this project is in compliance with the Stormwater Management Act, the Stormwater

Management Regulations and the annual stormwater management standards and specifications approved by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

Potential impacts to flood plains and wetlands were evaluated. To minimize potential impacts on water quality and comply with regulations, two stormwater management facilities are proposed. This facility will reduce the increase in runoff and pollutants leaving the roadway while minimizing impacts to existing properties.

This project is not expected to generate any negative flood plain impacts.

During construction, every reasonable effort will be made to protect the environment with respect to dust control and erosion control. It is anticipated that the acquisition of right of way will begin in mid-2010 with construction beginning in early-2012.

PROJECT INFORMATION

From: Intersection of Garden City Boulevard

To: 0.133 Mile east of intersection with Bennington Street

Project Numbers:
State: U000-128-132, PE-101,
RW-201, C-501
Federal: STP-5128 (198)

UPC: 71741

Representatives from the City of Roanoke and VDOT are present to discuss the project and answer your questions. It is the responsibility of the Virginia Department of Transportation to ensure that all members of the community are afforded the opportunity to participate in public decisions on transportation systems and projects affecting them.

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Environmental Review

VDOT’s Salem District Environmental Office coordinated this project through the State Environmental Review Process (SERP) to obtain preliminary information about environmental resources in the project vicinity; identify opportunities for avoidance, minimization, and mitigation; and provide the natural and historic resource agencies an opportunity to review and comment on the project during the early stages of development.

This project has also been coordinated with the appropriate federal, state and local agencies as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A NEPA document categorical exclusion has been prepared for this project in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration and in accordance with federal guidelines. The NEPA document includes information from various technical reviews such as noise, air, natural resources (streams, wetlands, threatened and endangered species, etc.) and hazardous materials. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is also provided in the environmental documentation.

The NEPA document and associated studies are available at today’s meeting. Representatives from VDOT’s environmental section are available to discuss the SERP, the NEPA process, and the associated studies that have been performed, and to answer any questions the public might have. The NEPA document and associated studies were made available 30 days prior to this public hearing.

Right of Way Issues

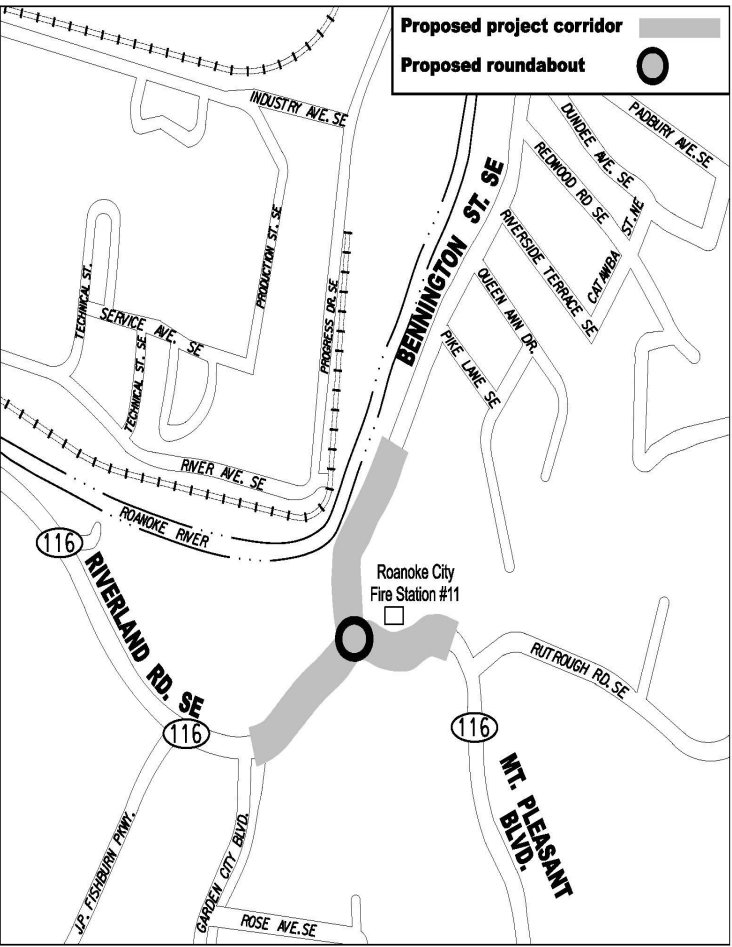
Plans on display at this meeting show the extent of right of way that is needed for this project. As currently proposed, 12 parcels of land are affected by the acquisition of right of way and/or easements. No dwellings, businesses or non-profit organizations will be displaced or relocated as a result of this project.

Easements are required for construction of slopes as well as maintenance of drainage facilities. As we further develop and finalize this project, additional easements for maintenance, construction and utility relocations may be required beyond the proposed right of way shown on the public hearing plans. Property owners will be informed of the exact location of these easements during the right of way acquisition process prior to construction.

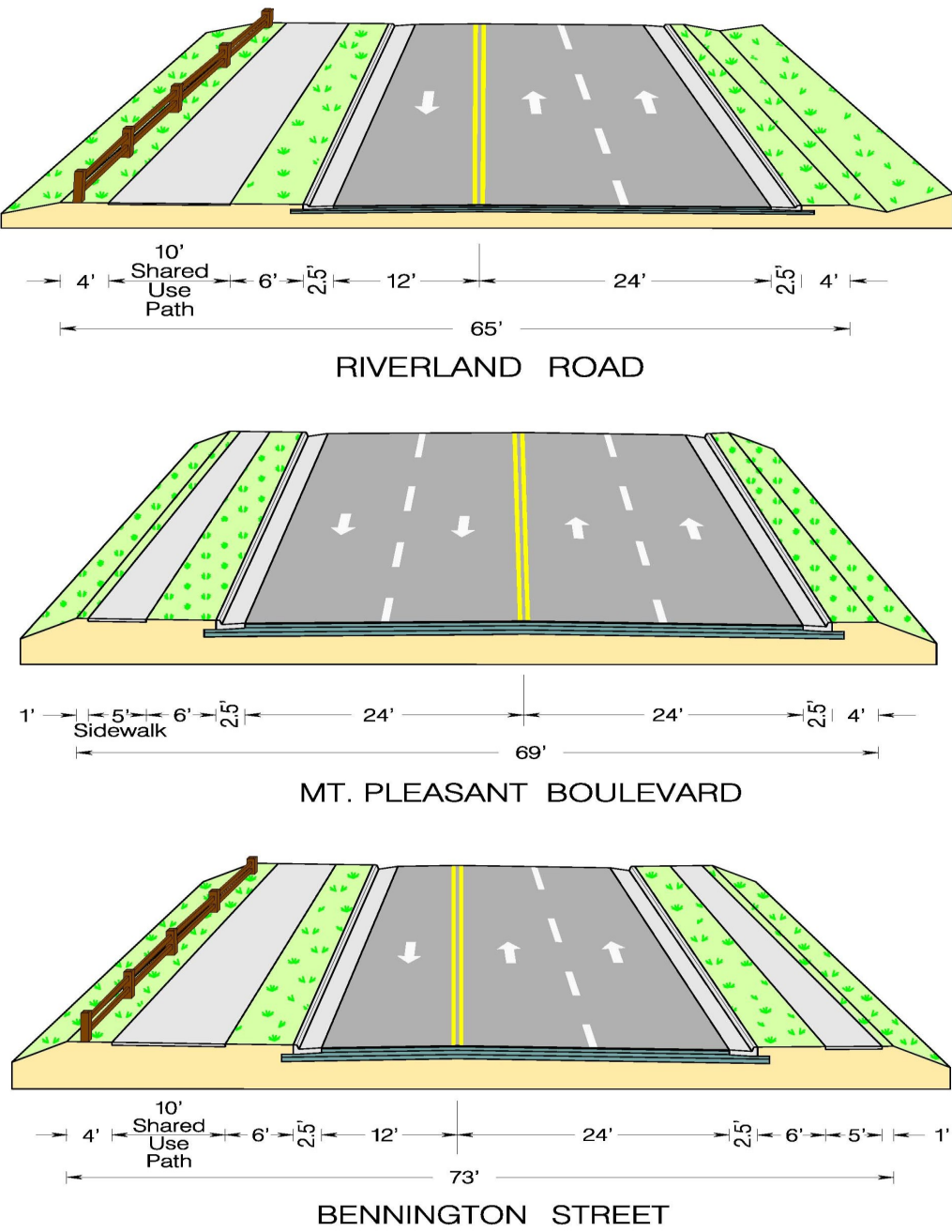
Information about right of way purchase is discussed in VDOT’s brochure titled, “Right of Way and Utilities: a Guide for Property Owners and Tenants.” Copies of this brochure are available from a VDOT right of way agent.

After this meeting, information regarding right of way may be obtained from VDOT, Salem District Right of Way and Utilities Office, 731 Harrison Ave., Salem, VA 24153, or call 540-387-5320, toll free 800-611-5812, or TDD 711.

Project Location Map



Typical Roadway Sections



Estimated Project Cost

The preliminary estimated cost for the project includes the following:

Preliminary Engineering:	\$ 907,000
Right of Way	\$1,227,200
Construction	\$5,545,800
Total	\$7,680,000

Because this project is in the preliminary design stage, the estimated costs are subject to change.

This project will utilize city, state and federal funds.